



Resolution 8-2021

Date: January 20, 2021

Pandemic Resolution

WHEREAS, The Grand Traverse County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on January 20, 2021 and reviewed request to approve and distribute as specified this Pandemic Resolution.

WHEREAS, we live in a time of pandemic;

WHEREAS, we are now entering into the second year of the global pandemic which has impacted every Grand Traverse County citizen in a myriad of ways;

WHEREAS, the threat from the virus, though serious, has resulted in a thwarting of personal freedoms without sufficient regard for ongoing and potentially irreparable economic, emotional, educational and other societal impacts;

WHEREAS, the orders by the MDHHS lack legislative support of the democratically elected representatives, having been initiated unilaterally and unconstitutionally by the Governor of Michigan,

WHEREAS, the orders by the MDHHS have disallowed any degree of personal accountability, eroded constitutional rights of citizens and have placed undue burden and restrictions on local businesses and local employees;

WHEREAS, The Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) has issued orders without providing funding or sufficient guidance for the enforcement of such orders;

WHEREAS, the right and responsibility of individuals to self-determine what is best for their own health, liberty and pursuit of happiness is necessary and ensured by our Constitution, which we have taken an oath to defend and uphold;

THEREFORE, The Grand Traverse County Commission does not support the expenditure of any county funds for the purpose of arrest and prosecution of any person accused of violating MDHHS emergency orders regarding COVID-19, and encourages the Grand Traverse County

Sheriffs Department and The Grand Traverse County Prosecutors Office to make this the lowest priority;

FURTHER, we call upon the citizens of Grand Traverse County to act responsibly with regards to others while determining for themselves what is best for themselves, for their own families and loved ones and how to contend with the ongoing risks associated with the COVID-19 virus;

FURTHER, we call upon local businesses to use their own good judgement to operate in a manner which minimizes risk to patrons while protecting the health and welfare of their business, care for their employees, and the community;

FURTHER, The Grand Traverse County Commission directs this resolution to be sent to all 83 Michigan counties, the State of Michigan House, The State of Michigan Senate, and the Office of Governor Gretchen Whitmer.